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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Liew, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/649,959  
Filed: August 26, 2003  
Entitled: Beta-2 Microglobulins (B2M) and  
B2M Related Gene Products for the  
Regulation of Osteoarthritis Pathogenesis  
and Chondrocyte Proliferation.

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of one month to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed November 18, 2003 from January 18, 2004, up to and including February 18, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, an extension fee of \$55.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application is required. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 4231/2032. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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